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**Governor Makes Appointment to Veterans Commission**

**PIERRE, S.D. –** Gov. Dennis Daugaard has appointed Lori Vosika of Hot Springs to the South Dakota Veterans Commission.

“Vosika’s twenty-two years of service in military and social work will be a great asset to our Commission,” said Larry Zimmerman, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs.

After a 22-year career in the Air Force and Reserves, Vosika retired Dec. 31, 2013, as Lieutenant Colonel. Since 9/11, Vosika served five tours of active duty at Ellsworth AFB, Malstrom AFB and Manas Transit Center in Kyrgyzstan.

Vosika has worked at the VA Black Hills Health Care System since 1996 where she has worked in substance abuse, PTSD and acute medicine. She currently serves as the OEF/OIF/OND program manager.

Vosika replaces Commissioner Gene Murphy who has served on the Veterans Commission since 1990. Vosika’s term expires October 2019.

“Gene has been an outstanding advocate for South Dakota’s veterans and their families, and we appreciate his commitment and service to this state, this great county and to our veterans,” said Zimmerman.

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